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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application, subsequent to issuance of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed May 19, 2006, and in response to the requirement for corrected drawings in the Notice of Allowability enclosed with this Notice of Allowance mailed May 19, 2006, as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION;

REMARKS are included following the amendments; and

A Replacement sheet of drawings of Sheet 2/8 is enclosed as an

Appendix.